



Kansas Water Environment Association

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Meeting Date: July 19, 2019 Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

Executive Board Present:

(x)	Ron Thomann	President
(x)	Chris Ramsey	President-Elect
(x)	Jason Patty	Vice-President
()	Susan Pekarek	Past President
(x)	Sylvan Coles	Secretary-Treasurer
(x)	Brian Spano	WEF Junior Delegate (2017-2020)
()	Jeanette Klamm	WEF Senior Delegate (2016-2019)
()	Joe Foster	PWO Trustee (2015 – 2019)
(x)	Michael Rudy	Manufacturer's Trustee (2015-2019)
()	Dustin Coles	Convention Coordinator (2015-2019)
()	Ed McGrath	Young Professionals Trustee

Committee Representatives Present:

()	Brian Spano	Administration – Finance Chairperson
(x)	Ryan Rutkowski	Administrative – Membership Chairperson
()	James Martin	Administrative – Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson
()	Waldo Margheim	Administrative – Audit Chairperson
(x)	Laura Gray	Collections – Chairperson
()	Alex Darby	Collections – Vice Chairperson
(x)	Lorrie Hill	Government Affairs – Chairperson
()		Government Affairs: Treatment Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Dan Ott	Government Affairs: Collections Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Andy Sauer	Government Affairs: Storm Water Sub-Committee Chairperson
(x)	Michael Carter	Industrial Pretreatment – Chairperson
(x)	Jay Lovett	Laboratory Education – Chairperson
()		Laboratory Education – Vice Chairperson
()	Patrick Beane	Municipal Management – Chairperson
()	Open	Municipal Technology Transfer – Chairperson
()	Kurt Bookout	Nominating Committee – Chairperson (KWEA Past President)
()	Steve McNolty	Plant Operations & Maintenance: Committee Chairperson
(x)		Plant Operations & Maintenance: Plant Awards Sub-Committee Chairperson
()		Plant Operations & Maintenance: Safety Sub-Committee
(x)	Chris Ramsey	Program – Chairperson (KWEA President-Elect)
()	Page Burks	Public Communication & Outreach – Chairperson
()	Carla Dods	Public Communication & Outreach - Vice Chairperson
()		PC&O: Publicity/WEF Awards Sub-Committee Chairperson
()	Barrett Schmidt	PC&O: Publications Chairperson
(x)	Tina Leitzel	PC&O: Webmaster
()	Martha Tasker	Scholarship – Chairperson
()	Rebecca Lewis	Stockholm Junior Water Prize - Chairperson
()	Miranda Sloan	Student & Young Professionals – Chairperson
()	Sarah Espinoza	Student & Young Professionals – Vice Chairperson

Guests: None

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approved Minutes of the May 10, 2019 Executive Board Meeting with corrections.
- III. Motion Approved by the Board to proceed with Memorandum of Understanding with KsAWWA.

A. Member Services and Operations- Led by Vice-President (Jason Patty)

i. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Sylvan Coles)

Sylvan updated the Board regarding the financial status as of July 18, 2019 of KWEA. The financial position of KWEA is sound.

ii. Sr. Delegates Report (Jeanette Klamm)

Jeanette is attending the NACQWA conference in Minneapolis. She will not be able to attend the House of Delegates meeting this year but Brian will be there. This WEFTEC will be her last as WEF Delegate.

iii. Splashing (Tina Leitzel / Barrett Schmidt)

- Summer out the first of August.
- Deadline for Fall Issue is August 15, 2019.

iv. Committee Chairs:

a) Administrative / Finance (Brian Spano): No Update

b) Audit Committee (Waldo Margheim): No Report

c) Plant Operations, Safety & Maintenance Committee (Steve McNolty):

Will hold a Skype meeting on July 23, 2019 to review nominations and to schedule Plant visits.

B. External Relations and Outreach- Led by Past President (Susan Pekarek)

i. Junior Delegate Report (Brian Spano):

Brian serves on the HOD Membership Workgroup. Diversity is the big topic of focus and is more of an issue depending on where you are located. The Midwestern MA's are perhaps not as diverse simply because of the relative ethnic population. See Attached WEF Membership Committee report of May 17, 2019.

Some MA's look for destination locations to increase attendance to their activities such as conferences, workshops and leadership retreats. WEF can help in the planning if asked and can assist with funding.

Brian has also signed up to be on the WEFMAX taskforce for the 2023 Kansas WEFMAX. WEF will assist to the degree of \$15,000 to make this happen.

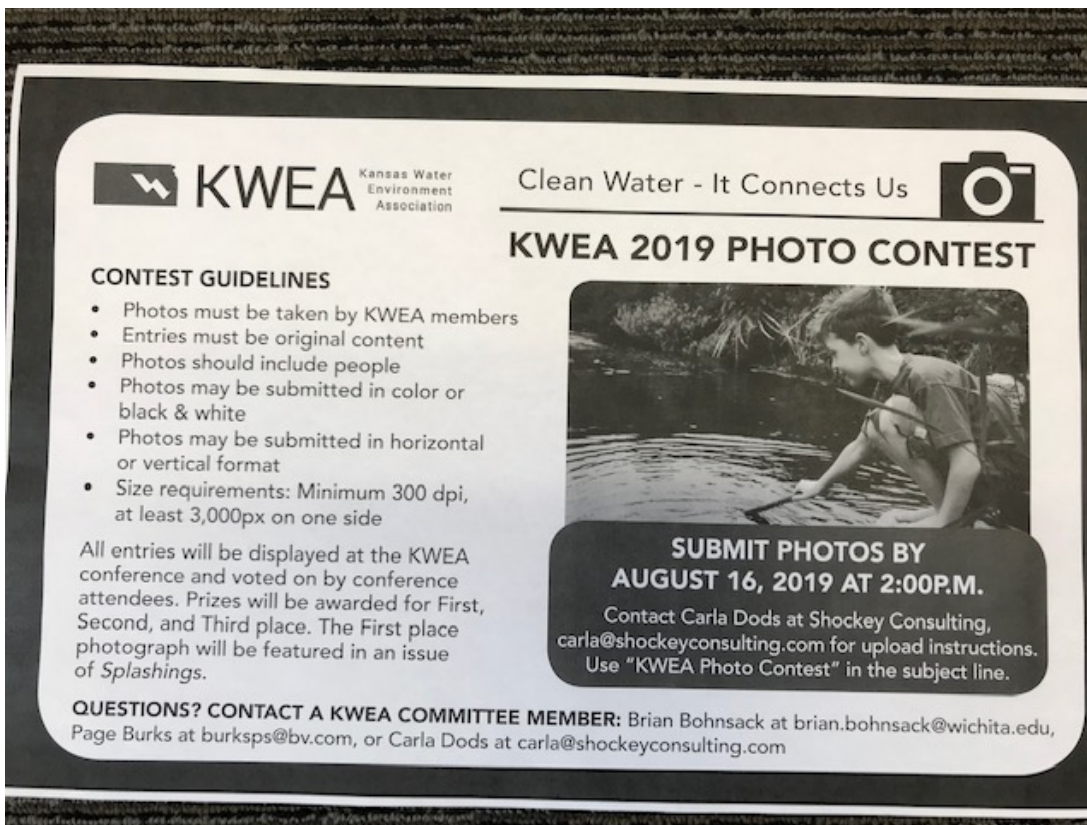
Committee Chairs:

a) Public Communication & Outreach (Page Burks):

Page was not in attendance but sent by email a report. She is working with Tina to get the events in the table below advertised on KWEA's social media and although many of the listed notices have already occurred, the full year is planned.

Event	Date	Notes
International Women's Day	March 8	Will do this year if we can find info in time; on list for next year for sure Tina, https://www.internationalwomensday.com/SocialMedia-Cards
St. Patrick's Day	March 17	
World Water Day	March 22	http://www.worldwaterday.org/resources/
Earth Day	April 22	
National Prescription Drug Takeback Day	April 27	Mike Carter sent some info and some social media at link https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/content/national-take-back-day
World Migratory Bird Day	May 11	https://www.migratorybirdday.org/resources/
National Fishing & Boating Week	June 1-9	https://www.takemefishing.org/how-to-fish/how-to-catch-fish/national-fishing-and-boating-week/
KWEA Photo Contest Reminder	Mid July	Reminder about KWEA photo contest. See attachment
KWEA Photo Contest Reminder	Around Aug 1	Reminder about KWEA photo contest. See attachment
EarthEcho Water Challenge	Sept 18	
Imagine a Day Without Water	Oct 23	
World Toilet Day	Nov 19	

In addition to the above recognition of significant water related events, this year the Committee plans to run a photo contest to be judged at the conference by attendees. The information below outlines the contest guideline. The deadline for submittals is August 16, 2019. Please encourage folks to share so we hopefully get a decent level of entries. See Below:



KWEA Kansas Water Environment Association

Clean Water - It Connects Us

KWEA 2019 PHOTO CONTEST

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Photos must be taken by KWEA members
- Entries must be original content
- Photos should include people
- Photos may be submitted in color or black & white
- Photos may be submitted in horizontal or vertical format
- Size requirements: Minimum 300 dpi, at least 3,000px on one side

All entries will be displayed at the KWEA conference and voted on by conference attendees. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place. The First place photograph will be featured in an issue of *Splashing*.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT A KWEA COMMITTEE MEMBER: Brian Bohnsack at brian.bohnsack@wichita.edu, Page Burks at burksps@bv.com, or Carla Dods at carla@shockeyconsulting.com

SUBMIT PHOTOS BY AUGUST 16, 2019 AT 2:00P.M.

Contact Carla Dods at Shockey Consulting, carla@shockeyconsulting.com for upload instructions. Use "KWEA Photo Contest" in the subject line.

Page will also have a booth at the Conference.

b) Student / YP's (Miranda Sloan):

Held a Donuts & Demo yesterday. 35 turned out for the event. Will be hosting a joint get-together with Missouri on August 16, 2019 at the Royals game.

c) Scholarship (Martha Tasker):

Martha reported that the Scholarship Committee received 13 applications this year. From those three scholarships were awarded and will be receive their scholarships at the conference at the Tuesday luncheon. The recipients are:

- Shirley Coles Scholarship: Allison Dobbie – University of Kansas \$1,200
- 2nd Place: Amelia Wyndrum – University of Kansas \$1,000
- 3rd Place: Sydney Guard – University of Kansas \$750

The board did have a discussion with regard to the scholarship program and to how better reach out to folks already in the profession such as operators. It is suggested that we need to work closer with training providers such as FSCC, KMU, KDHE, etc. Also perhaps consider offering scholarship for training such as 16 week courses, travel to courses, apprenticeship sponsoring, etc. Ron volunteered to visit with Martha to get her input.

d) Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) (Rebecca Lewis):

Two entries were submitted for this year's Kansas SJWP competition. Laura flucke, a senior at Olathe North High School was selected as the Kansas Representative for the competition with her project, "The Effect of Microalgae on Wastewater Quality". Laura will be representing Kansas at the national competition , located at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, on June 13-16, 2019.

Even though we only had two entries, both entries were two of the best that Rebecca has seen in several years. Both papers were well written and included detailed technical analysis. The other paper was from a student from Ellis, Kansas.

The SJWP committee requested that the KWEA Board approved coverage of Laura's flight expenses to Ohio. Student airline travel is booked through WEF's travel Agency, Direct Travel and an invoice is sent to the Member Association. **The Board voted unanimously to do so as it has done in years past. Flight cost is ~ \$676.**

Rebecca will be mailing a certificate to Laura in congratulations on her selection and is asking for a KWEA Board member in the Olathe, Johnson County area to make the formal presentation to her.

THE SJWP is hosted by WEF and is supported, this year, by Xylem, Inc. and the local Member Associations. The 2019 U.S. Competition will include student winners from 48 States, plus Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for a total of 50 projects.

The purpose of the SJWP program is to increase student's interest in water-related issues and research and to raise awareness about global water challenges. The competition is open to projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resources management, water protection, and water & wastewater treatment.

e) Government Affairs (Lorrie Hill): No Update

f) Membership (Ryan Rutkowski): No Update

C. Professional Development and Education- Led by President-Elect (Chris Ramsey)

i. 2019 Conference:

- Will be adding a session on Biosolids Initiatives after breakout at 11:00 A.M. Jason & Jeanette will coordinate.
- Ifetayo Venner, WEF Board of Trustees is this year's WEF Representative.
- Steve Dye, WEF Legislative Affairs will also be in attendance.
- Matt Bond will be in attendance also.
- Room reservations are guaranteed through July 26, 2019.
- Conference walk through will take place on August 2, 2019.
- Still working on the tech session for operator training. Jerry Grant to lead.
- Visit Topeka will be providing charging stations.

ii. Annual Report Update: No Update

iii. Committee Chairs

a) Collection Systems (Laura Gray):

Only one Collections System nomination has been received to date and the committee is still actively pursuing others. No submittals to date for the ray Stillwell Award.

b) Laboratory (Jay Lovett):

A couple of nominations received for the Laboratory Award to date.

c) Municipal Management: Position Open

d) Municipal Technology Transfer: Position Open

e) **Safety Committee (Steven McNolty II):** Committee now falls under the Plant Awards.

f) **Industrial (Michael Carter):**

All awards have been determined and certificates have gone to the printer. Will present on Tuesday.

g) **PWO (Joe Foster):** No Report

h) **Manufacturer's Trustee (Michael Rudy):**

Still looking for exhibitors. Currently we are at the normal turnout.

D. Old Business:

E. New Business

1. **Database Discussion from Previous Meeting of March 1, 2019:**

Sylvan & Tina provided a handout and discussed with the Board the fields that will be tracked as well as the reports which will be generated as we create a database for the tracking of Kansas KWEA Member Association Membership. This database will be an expansion and enhancement of the Voluntary Certification Database that we already have and will enable KWEA to not only track certificate holders but also persons who want to join KWEA without having the additional expense of the national Water Environment Federation (WEF) membership. The anticipated benefit to KWEA and WEF is the ability for us to reach out to people in our profession who cannot afford the cost of a national membership and therefore do not get involved with either the local or the national organizations.

The Board has discussed for some time establishing the Member Association Only Membership recognizing that we have over 700 certificate holders in our voluntary certification program who are not members, but who would want to share in the services that we provide as well as want to become engaged in the work that we do. At this time, the WEF also feels that such a membership can have national benefit and is supportive.

As soon as Tina can get a database development cost estimate from Interkan.net, our web service provider, we will be in a position to weigh the cost versus benefit and also in a position, if we choose to go ahead, to discuss with the WEF its potential to be Grant eligible for their Member Association Grants Program.

Motion by the Board to approve up to \$10,000 toward the development of the database. Sylvan will pursue the Grant for this with WEF.

2. KWEA will host a two-day workshop in Topeka on April 28-29, 2020. The workshop will focus on Collections and Operations. It would be a good time to offer Nassco training.

3. The Board reviewed nominations for Vice-President. It was decided on Ryan Rutkowski as this would be a good time to represent the engineering sector.

4. Next Conference Dates

- 2019 Topeka Capitol Plaza 08/26/2019 – 08/29/2019
- 2020 Wichita Hyatt Hotel 08/31/2020 – 09/03/2020
- 2021 Topeka Capitol Plaza 08/29/2021 – 09/02/2021
- 2022 Topeka Capitol Plaza 08/28/2022 – 09/01/2022

